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For: MICROORGANISM CULTURING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF INSERTING BAG INTO CULTURING APPARATUS	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified patent application,  
Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following Amendment:

- ☒ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page      of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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